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MELLISH REEF 1984

That's the location for the Down Under DX'ers Contest Club's assault on the 1984 CQ World Wide phone contest. In 1983 it was Lord Howe Island with the unique VK2LHI special event callsign. In 1984 it will be the much wanted Mellish Reef, hopefully with the call sign VK9MR.....Last year on Lord Howe the club made 4,500 contacts in the contest and another 2,500 in time periods other than the contest.

This year they will try for the world high score in the multi-single with a group on Mellish and a group on Lord Howe. They have planned a big assault.

The club will be sending its contest team to Mellish Reef for about two weeks in what they say must rate as the most professionally organised assault ever on the demand for this rare DXCC country. They hope that by their departure time in October the Australian Department of Communications will have issued the call VK9MR. At this time the assigned call block for Mellish Reef is VK9ZM to VK9ZR.

The equipment used will be three Kenwood TS-830's supplied by Trio Kenwood Pty Ltd (Australia), Yaesu FL-2100Z amplifiers supplied by Dick Smith Electronics, antennas will be the 4 element, quad band yagi by Tet (HB-443), which is supplied by Emona Elec.

The organizers of Mellish Reef 1984 are Les Cullen, VK2WU, Tony Gilbert, VK3CE, and Jim Powell, VK2CK who went to Mellish Reef in 1978. Les and Tony will be on the expedition team. Les is president of the Down Under DX'ers and one of the two fast CW operators making the trip. Tony is editor of the Amateur Radio Action, the VK's ham magazine and is also on the committee of the club.

The other members making the trip are Rob McKibbin, VK5AD, Janek Wakulicz, VK2CIA, who is an electronics engineer with a love for HIGH speed CW, and Sandy Bruce Smith, VK2AD, National Communications Sales Manager for Trio Kenwood (Australia) Ltd.

The group will be travelling to Mellish aboard the 35 foot ocean-going yacht "Spitfire" captained by Mr. Keith Thiele, an experienced yachtsman with a desire to learn amateur radio theory. On route to Mellish, the team will be teaching Keith about the basics of ham radio, while Keith will be giving pointers to the team on blue water sailing (and hopefully, how to overcome seasickness).

Mellish Reef, located some 380 miles north-east of Bundaberg, Queensland in the Coral Sea and is exactly what the name implies- a reef. Some would call it "Smellish Reef" due to all the smell of fresh superphosphate which is replenished daily by the Reef's large population of birds. The only other inhabitants of Herald's Beacon, the 300 by 60 meter main reef are the nocturnal crabs.

The group plans to depart on 19 Oct 84 and hope to be operational from 25 Oct through 6 Nov on 10 through 160. QSL via Les Cullen, VK2WU, P O BOX 31, Winmalee, NSW, 2777, Australia. Donations to help cover the \$10,000US cost may be sent to the same address. All donations will be receipted and full refunds(except true expenses) will be made in the event of the expedition not proceeding.

Tnx VK2WU & LA8CJ

de W4WMQ

DX and QSL INFORMATION

BV0AB via JH6SOR .. FP/K1RH via K1RH from 3 Aug til 7 .. 3V8AI via IN3RZY, this is a YL for you guys that chase them (Angela) She can normally be found around 2300 til 0100Z from 14195 up to 14236.. S9 from 23 Oct til 7 Nov ? .. BY5RA has the antenna up and is on the air.. FW8AF is back on since 7 Jul after vacation .. A51PN has worked a few in the past month, wonder if he will be permitted to stay on? ..

TL8GE/ST0 is F0CPR and is on vacation in Rayon, France til the last of Aug. He

will have a 2 element tri-bander in ST0 when he returns .. 5X5GK via JA1BK, he is an MD from VE, his stay is about 14 months.. Karnik, VU2CK (stateside at the present time) said to look for Gopal from the Andamans about the first week in Sept .. VR6KY shows up on the Brown Sugar net .. BY1PK 14195 0700 often. KD5YG/TF via W5SOD .. JY4MB via WA4HNL .. SU7LD & 5N3LED (same operator) Lucio D'Eramo via IN3RZY, Bx 212, I-39100 Bolzano, Italy .. JH8YDY/S21 via JA1SDV 4 Aug til 9 Aug ? He was worked by So Am on the 4th and by W6 & W7s on the 7th ? LA9PCA to visit ZA for 14 days Starting 16 Aug .. Mellish Reef 1984 via VK6WU

The DXAC will try to obtain third party agreements with S2, ET, 5X, 5U, & S9 in hopes of getting their attention for amateur radio. This may lead to other things since the door is shut so tight at present.

73, Murf, Merf, Murph or Hey You

BANGLADESH ...

An officer of the ARRL was there on other matters this spring and did discuss amateur operations and the answer came out this way ... The controlling power (military) has an order that no amateur operations will be permitted by anyone. The one and only radio club is permitted to have meetings as normal to stay current with the art and continue to practice but without RF.

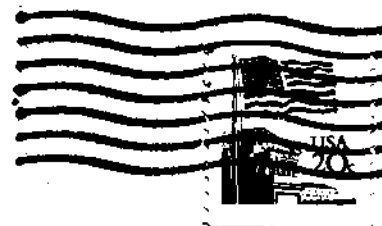
The 'Power' and the club has an agreement that if and when operation is permitted, the president of the club will be the first one on the air for a time. And when directed, selected club members will also be permitted to operate. This procedure will exist for some time (?) before the nationals may operate. Also it was stated ONLY nationals will be given this permission.

UGANDA ...

5X5GK has permission to operate an amateur transmitter along with the 4 other hams there. BUT, it is verbal permission and no one gets it on paper. sry for now.



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